



Doctor of Physical Therapy Program Admissions Checklist

Important:

The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at DeSales University is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave. Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: <http://www.capteonline.org>.

Checklist for applicants seeking admission to the Doctor of Physical Therapy program:

- Complete an application for admission via PTCAS.
- Submit **official** transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate course work from all institutions previously attended. To be considered official, transcripts must have the college or university seal and be sent directly to PTCAS by the institution.
- Complete and submit the **Prerequisite Coursework Form***. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 and a minimum GPA of 3.2 in math/science prerequisite courses are recommended. No grade below “C” and no more than one retake on any prerequisite course will be accepted. Prerequisite coursework GPA will be calculated to include all occurrences, including retakes and failures, of all required prerequisite courses.
- Submit **Graduate Record Examination (GRE)** scores. A minimum combined verbal and quantitative score of 300 is recommended. **DeSales University’s PTCAS GRE reporting code is 4460.**
- Answer all required supplemental questions on the PTCAS application regarding your interest in the field of physical therapy, including a description of academic, employment and volunteer experiences related to the field.
- Complete a **minimum of 40 hours** of observation/volunteer/internship/employment hours at a single physical therapy facility. Additional observation hours in a variety of physical therapy practice settings is **highly recommended** (i.e. acute care, inpatient rehabilitation, outpatient rehabilitation, geriatrics, pediatrics, home health care, sports medicine). **Observation must be verified in PTCAS by the licensed physical therapist with whom observation was performed.**
- Submit **one reference completed by the licensed physical therapist** with whom the required 40 hours of clinical observation was performed.
- Submit a minimum of **two references** completed by non-relative professional individuals, including, but not limited to, professors, employers and coaches.
- Review the program’s **Technical Standards and Essential Functions of Physical Therapy Practice*** document and indicate an understanding of and ability to meet them by submitting the signed and dated acknowledgement page.
- Have any academic transcripts from a degree-granting institution outside the United States evaluated by an NACES approved evaluation service with the results submitted to PTCAS.
- International applicants from a country where the official language is other than English must submit scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) to the DeSales University Director of Graduate Admissions. **DeSales University’s institutional reporting code is 2021.**

Please note that all applicants considered for acceptance into the DPT Program will be required to participate in an on-campus interview with DPT faculty prior to any admission decision.

*Visit www.desales.edu/dpt for downloadable versions of all supplemental documents.